

Exhibit C

Excerpts from "The ARRL Letter" Vol. 17, No. 15 April 10, 1998 and Vol. 17, No. 17 April 24, 1998

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or by telephone at 860-594-0384.

NOTE: Because ARRL HQ is closed on Friday, April 10, The ARRL Letter and ARRL Audio News are being posted one day early. The solar/propagation bulletin will be transmitted Friday by W1AW and also will be available on the ARRL Web page. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.--Rick Lindquist, N1RL

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- * +Tornado response continues
- * +FCC to allow electronic filings
- * +Andy Thomas thinks we're not alone
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- * Submarines to take to airwaves
- * FCC sequential call sign update
- * Stanly E. Harter, KH6GBX, SK
- * Milo P. Hnilicka, AJ1S, SK
- * Larry Gasch, W3SFY, SK
- * IN BRIEF: This weekend on the radio;
Comment deadlines set; Palm to present;
Central States VHF Society confab set;
WTC beacon on 10 GHz; N9NB named IEEE fellow;
New WIA president chosen

+Available on ARRL Audio News

ARRL ASKS FCC TO SUPPORT VOLUNTARY BAND PLANS

Following up on action taken at the January ARRL Board of Directors' meeting, the League has formally asked the FCC to equate observance of voluntary band plans with "good amateur practice." In a request for a declaratory ruling filed April 3, the League asks the FCC to affirm that amateur operation that conflicts with established voluntary band plans and causes interference or adversely affects those operating in accordance with applicable band plans would violate FCC rules.

Specifically, the League wants the Commission to confirm that hams should be familiar with--and should abide by--voluntary band plans applicable to the bands they operate and to state that those who don't operate in harmony with those plans are not operating "in accord with good amateur practice." The League's filing builds on a 1983 declaration by the Chief of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau that simplex operation on a recognized repeater frequency was contrary to good amateur practice.

The League argues that a declaratory ruling that provides clear support for accepted voluntary band plans would highlight the importance of band plans in the amateur community and set "a standard of cooperative behavior which is expected of licensees." It also would make it easier to resolve interference complaints without having to resort to FCC action, the petition said.

The League requests the Commission "at an early date" declare that good amateur practice "anticipates compliance with the accepted voluntary international, national, and regional band plans adopted by cooperation and coordination" within the Amateur Radio Service. A complete copy of the League's petition may be found on the ARRL Web at <http://www.arrl.org/announce/declreq.pdf>.

LEAGUE INAUGURATES ARBITRATION SERVICE

The League has inaugurated an arbitration service for hams, ham organizations, citizens and other groups having disputes relating to Amateur Radio. The ARRL Arbitration Service offers a substitute for litigation by providing binding arbitration to settle disputes. Arbitration will be arranged through the office of Chris Imlay, W3KD, the League's General Counsel. Arbitrators will include ARRL volunteer counsel. Potential cases could involve neighborhood interference situations, disputes within local radio clubs, disagreements between a hamfest committee and an attendee or exhibitor, or even the use of a frequency (typically, but not necessarily, involving one or more repeaters).

Creation of the Arbitration Service is the first step toward a complete Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system, as envisioned by the ARRL Board

at its January 1997 meeting. The ADR system ultimately could include mediation and non-binding arbitration.

In arbitration, the evidence and arguments are received and adjudicated by a neutral arbitrator--either an attorney registered with the ARRL Arbitration Service or a Volunteer Counsel. (Panels of three arbitrators will be appointed in cases involving more than \$10,000.) Arbitrators are sworn to remain impartial toward the parties--whether they are amateurs, amateur clubs, non-amateur neighbors, or neighborhood or municipal organizations. In disputes involving frequency coordination, the ARRL has reserved sole authority to designate the appropriate responsible coordinating organization.

During the informal process, the parties represent themselves (although parties also may hire attorneys if they wish). Unlike litigation, however, the arbitrator's judgment is final and not subject to appeal. Each party will get a chance to present material and relevant evidence, and exhibits may be received in evidence, similar to a court trial. Witnesses shall be sworn and subject to questions and cross examination. The arbitrator will issue a written award within 20 days from the close of the hearing or final submission of documents. The parties may determine as part of their arbitration agreement how the costs of arbitration will be allocated, but all costs will be paid by the parties involved.

Cases may be instituted under the ARRL Arbitration Service by filing a signed Arbitration Agreement--together with the \$50-per-party filing fee--with the ARRL General Counsel. For complete details on this service, contact ARRL General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, Booth Freret, Imlay & Tepper, PC, 5101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Suite 307, Washington, DC 20016-4120; Tel 202-686-9600; fax 202-686-7797.

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- * +Tennessee hams volunteer for tornado duty
- * +ARRL supports lower vanity fee

- * +Preparations continue for next WRC
- * +Successful Mir-school string continues
- * +Colvin Award goes to 3B7 operation
- * Palm presents at Hurricane Conference
- * MIREX school test set
- * Ade Weiss to keynote QRP banquet
- * Clevis O. "Cliff" Lavery, W1RWG, SK
- * Esther I. Given, W6BDE, SK
- * IN BRIEF: This weekend on the radio;
Vanity update; FCC assigns RM number,
seeks comments on ARRL petition; N9GL
to head RF Safety Committee; March QST
Cover Plaque Award; New astro-hams; DARA
to handle QSLs for October SAREX flight;
The New RTTY Journal debuts; Two-meter
TE propagation reported; FCC grants Little
LEO licenses; SARL beams ham radio into classroom

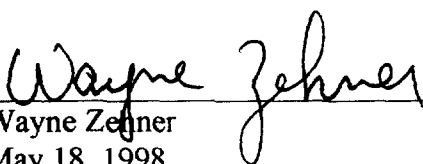
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FCC assigns RM number, seeks comments on ARRL petition: The FCC has assigned a rulemaking number, RM-9259, to the ARRL's request for an FCC declaratory ruling equating band plan compliance with good amateur practice (see "ARRL asks FCC to support voluntary band plans," The ARRL Letter, Vol 17, No 15). The action is considered a bit unusual since RM numbers generally are assigned only to petitions for rulemaking, not to requests for a declaratory judgment. Comments on the League's request are due to the FCC by May 21. A complete copy of the League's petition may be found on the ARRL Web at <http://www.arrl.org/announce/declreq.pdf>.

Certificate of Service

I hereby swear that a copy of the foregoing was served on the American Radio Relay League, Inc. by USPS First Class Mail addressed to their General Counsel at the following address:

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